

PRESS RELEASE

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£49,935 awarded to Include Youth to create a new community hub

Include Youth is a regional rights based charity representing young people currently in or leaving care between the ages of 14-24. In partnership with the Voice of Young People in Care (VOYPIC), Include Youth will use £49,935 from the Whitemountain Programme to establish a state of the art youth and community hub in Great Patrick Street, Belfast.

The hub will include fantastic facilities such as a training kitchen, meeting rooms, activity and chill zones and a multi-media room. This new facility will be a fantastic resource for the local community and youth groups.

The Whitemountain Programme was established by Whitemountain who are part of the Breedon Group, and are a leading Contracting and Materials Business operating throughout the UK and Ireland, specialising in Highway Maintenance, Civil Engineering, Airfield Construction, Quarry Materials, Bitumen Importation and Distribution, Waste Management and Green Energy.

Since its beginnings in 2008, the Whitemountain Programme has distributed over £8 million of funding to 260 fantastic community and biodiversity projects. This funding helps groups to achieve their plans for positive change in their community.

QUOTES

It is a priority of the Whitemountain Programme to invest in community amenities that will provide resources for the local community for years to come. Include Youth is a fantastic example of projects that provide innovative community facilities and we are proud to support their work.

Shannon Downey, Communities Lead
Groundwork Northern Ireland

The Whitemountain funding will help Include Youth and our partners VOYPIC offer a state of the art youth and community facility in the heart of Belfast City Centre. As well as offering external youth and community groups access to a brand new building with excellent training and meeting facilities we can offer cookery classes in our training kitchen and a range of communication skills from our multi media suite. We look forward to engaging with community groups that we already know and to form new relationships with other groups in the future. We intend to make our new premises a fantastic resource for us and other community groups

Paddy Mooney
Include Youth

The Whitemountain Programme is delighted to support large community projects such as Include Youth in partnership with the Voice of Young People in Care (VOYPIC). The establishment of a youth and community hub will provide a safe space for groups to come together and have the facilities they need.

Russell Drew
Whitemountain

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Groundwork Northern Ireland manages the Whitemountain Programme on behalf of Whitemountain. Groundwork NI is a charity that empowers local communities grown from the ground up, that are sustainable, happy and healthy places to live, work and play. One of our services is to help other organisations to distribute grant funding, ensuring money gets to where it is most needed. Throughout the years, we have distributed over £10 million in grants to community projects.

Include Youth was established in 2000 and is a regional rights based charity representing people between the ages of 14-24 who are currently in or leaving care. Along with VOYPIC, they will manage this new youth and community space.

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HOW TO APPLY

If you have a great community or biodiversity focused project which lies within the 15 mile radius of Mullaghglass landfill site near Lisburn (and within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site), then why not apply? Applications to the Whitemountain Programme are open. To find out more visit our website www.groundwork.org.uk/whitemountain or contact us at whitemountainprogramme@groundworkni.co.uk

OTHER PROJECTS FUNDED RECENTLY

Grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects making a positive impact at ground level, either developing facilities for community use or encouraging biodiversity and environmental improvements.

The funding is available under two strands:

- Whitemountain Programme Small Grants (up to £5K)
- Whitemountain Programme Main Grants (£5K - £25K)

Below you can find some of the more recently funded projects:

Small Grants - 2021

Benview Community Centre	£6,120
CIYMS Cricket Club	£9,756
Irish Football Network	£7,395

Main Grants - 2021

Cliftonville FC	£50,000
Include Youth	£49,935
L'Arche	£50,000
New Life City Church	£48,796

TOTAL **£222,002**

